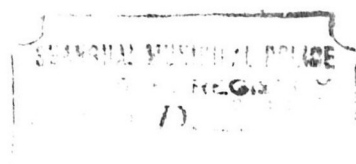


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**More Crime In The West**

# Hungjao Without Telephones As Thieves Cut Cables

Residents of the Hungjao area are today cut off from telephonic communication with the rest of Shanghai as the result of another telephone cable theft staged in the district Sunday morning.

Looters, whose identities are still unknown, removed 30 feet of the main cable, containing 404 wires, from the district and thereby subscribers were cut off from telephone service.

An alarm received at the Lucerne Telephone Exchange at 9.10 p.m. Sunday indicated that the main Hungjao cable was being interfered with, a Shanghai Telephone Company report of the affair stated.

Prompt investigation showed that the cable had been cut in no less

than four places on Great Western Road between Fraser and Warren Roads. The thieves also cut the supporting strand wires, causing two poles to collapse.

Officials of the Shanghai Telephone Company last night stated that everything is being done to restore the service as soon as possible. It is not anticipated, however, that the service will be fully restored until some time Wednesday morning.

This is the 14th theft of telephone cable that has occurred in the Hungjao district since May 1938, resulting in the isolation of telephone subscribers as well as a large financial loss to the company.

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**THEFT OF TELEPHONE CABLE FROM WEST OF RAILWAY  
LINE.**  
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On 4-11-38 a letter dated 31st October 1938 from the Shanghai Telephone Co., was received at this Station, reporting the theft of telephone cable.

The letter states that on 23-10-38, 700 ft. of 101 pr. cable value \$700.70, was stolen from Poles No.25-30 on MacLeod Road.

The theft was not previously reported to Bubbling Well Station.

Duties have been warned to keep a lookout for any person bringing in scrap copper and lead from West of the railway line.

Stolen Property Return attached herewith.

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THREE OF TOWER COMPANY POLES STOLEN FROM  
THE RAILWAY LINE.

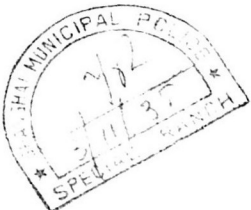
At 5.20 p.m. 2-11-38, Mr. A. Tom of the Western Supply Co. (Shanghai Power Co.) came to the Station and reported that at 3 p.m. 2-11-38, it had been discovered that three wooden poles, the property of his company, had been stolen from Hungjac Road near Rubicon Road.

The poles, Mr. Tom stated, had been sawn off at the base, and to enable the poles to be easily removed, the thieves had also sawn off the upper portion to which the cable supports were bolted.

Duties have been warned to stop any person of doubtful character in possession of newly sawn timber.

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